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And when all these animating Cries have been hitherto drowned, by the hoarse rough Voice of Party, with what Reason can we flatter ourselves, that the several Branches of our Legislature will ever concur in any Measures conducive to the Happiness and Prosperity of the Province? Our Situation is truly deplorable, and he
p. 67 who expects any Change for the better, while we are left to ourselves, feeds himself with delusive Visions, and not with a rational well-grounded Hope.

These are the Sentiments of every considerate Man among us, and our Governor has, upon a late public Occasion, expressed his Apprehension, that unless His Majesty would be pleased to interpose, no Supplies could be expected from this Province *. Why then are we laid under the peculiar Hardship, why are we distinguished from every other Colony in America, in being debarred from giving our own Money for the Support of an Agent at home §? If there were any Thing exceptionable in the Bills so frequently sent to the Upper by the Lower House, for this Purpose, why did not their Honours exercise the Privilege they claim of amending them? But their constant Method, for some Years past, of treating these Bills, has been
p. 68 either not to send them down at all, or to return them with an absolute Negative, the former of which was the Case in the very last Session, so that their Honours have not even this flimsy Excuse with regard to these Bills, which they have urged in their Behalf with respect to the last Assessment Bill, that they would not make any Objections to the present, because they had made some to a former House. Hence it may fairly be concluded, that their Honours are Enemies to the very Spirit and main Intention of such a Bill, the submitting of our Disputes to His Majesty's Decision; for they cannot with any Face say they rejected the Bill, because it was liable in its Mode to Objections; for the Answer will be ready, Why did not their Honours propose Amendments, and thereby shew that their View was not to condemn the Bill, but to make it more perfect?

* "As the Lower House Journal, for the Session held in March, 1758, contained the Arguments that had been urged by both Houses against, and in Support of, the Supply Bill you seem to allude to, I took the Liberty (being as desirous as any Gentleman among you to have the Dispute finally determined) to refer Mr. Pitt, who was then one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, to that Journal in particular, for a clear and full State of the Dispute which had subsisted between the two Houses; and I moreover told him, that I was afraid no Supplies for the King's Service would be granted in this Province, unless His Majesty would be pleased to have the Dispute thoroughly examined into, and finally settled." Governor's Message to the Lower House, March 20, 1762. [This appears as a footnote in the original.]

§ In the Court Calendars, for several Years back, I observe that ----- Calvert, Esq; is put down under the Maryland Article as Agent, by whom I take for granted is meant Cæcilius Calvert, Esq; Uncle to the Proprietor. By whose Management, or with what View this Article is inserted, I cannot determine; but if the Design of it be, to make the World believe that this Gentleman is our Provincial Agent, it is a gross Imposition. I do hereby declare, without the least Apprehension of being contradicted, that he never was, or is at present, Agent for Maryland, nor have the People of this Province any other Person to represent them in that Character. [This is a footnote in the original.]